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University of South Carolina
School of Medicine Columbia
Committee Membership
2026-2027

Authority

Except as otherwise required by USC and/or LCME regulations and policies, FSOM committees and subcommittees are advisory to the Dean and operate in accord with the policies and procedures contained in the USC *Faculty Manual*. All chairs of committees must be faculty. The following committees are empowered with exclusive authority and are not advisory to the Dean:

- Student Academic Review Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Admissions Committee
- The Basic Science, Clinical Science, and Library Units of the Tenure and Promotions Committees.

Nomination/Election Process

The Faculty Representation Committee is responsible for developing and administering the procedures for nomination and election of faculty members to committee and subcommittee places designated for elected members. The Faculty Representation Committee also advises the Dean on the selection of faculty members for committee and subcommittee places designated for appointees. It is expected that each faculty member under consideration for nomination for an elected committee and subcommittee position will, prior to the election, discuss his/her nomination with the chair of his/her department.

Voting Privileges/Quorum/Chair Election

Consistent with the policies and procedures of *The Faculty Manual* for operation of USC colleges, schools, and departments, all faculty, students, administrators, and non-faculty FSOM staff members, who are members of FSOM committees and subcommittees, whether elected, appointed, or ex officio, are eligible to vote unless otherwise specified. Consultants and other individuals specifically identified as staff to committees and subcommittees are not eligible to vote on FSOM committees and subcommittees. A quorum for all committees will consist of half the total of voting members plus one and the majority of those voting must be faculty. Unless otherwise noted due to ex officio status or committee guidelines, the chair of each standing committee will be elected by the voting members for a two-year term. A chair may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Selection of Student Members

In the spring semester, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs sends members of the M-I and M-III classes a memorandum to invite them to self-nominate for service on FSOM committees and subcommittees for the next academic year. Each student may self-nominate for up to two committees, for which members of that class vote for those representatives, in addition to the Admissions Committee and/or Curriculum Committee, whose student members are selected through an interview process by the Offices of Admissions and Undergraduate Medical Education, respectively. To be eligible to serve on FSOM committees and subcommittees, a student must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing. No student repeating an academic semester or year is eligible for service on FSOM committees or subcommittees until the repeat semester/year has been completed successfully.

Other USC and FSOM Committees

The FSOM committee structure does not relate to membership of other committees of USC, the FSOM Educational Trust, the FSOM-affiliated hospitals, or the FSOM strategic planning process. The process of selection for membership on these committees is distinct from the selection process for faculty, administrative, and joint faculty/administrative committees.

Minutes of Committee and Subcommittee Meetings

The chair of each committee and subcommittee will ensure that minutes of each meeting are kept and distributed to committee and subcommittee members and made available to the FSOM faculty upon request.

I. Committees Related to the University of South Carolina

Committees Mandated by the University of South Carolina *Faculty Manual*

A. Basic Science Unit Tenure and Promotion Committee: Responsible for formulating and updating specific criteria for the appointment, retention, promotion, and/or tenure of faculty members in FSOM basic science departments. The committee also assesses candidates for appointment, retention, promotion, or tenure (as the case may be) and makes recommendations to the FSOM Dean regarding the candidate faculty member based on the applicable established criteria.
AUTHORITY: The committee has the sole authority to formulate criteria for appointment, retention, promotion, and tenure of basic science faculty members and make candidate recommendations to the Dean, Provost, and the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions.
CHAIR: The Chair of the Basic Science Unit Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be elected by the members of the committee for a two-year term.
Current chair: Wayne Carver, Cell Biology and Anatomy
TERM OF OFFICE: 2025-2027
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS: All tenured faculty members in FSOM basic science departments

B. Clinical Unit Tenure and Promotion Committee: Responsible for formulating and updated specific criteria for the appointment, retention, promotion, and/or tenure of faculty members in FSOM clinical science departments. The committee also assesses candidates for appointment, retention, promotion, or tenure (as the case may be) and makes recommendations to the FSOM Dean regarding the candidate faculty member based on the applicable criteria.
AUTHORITY: The committee has the sole authority to formulate criteria and make candidate recommendations for appointment, retention, promotion, and tenure of clinical science department faculty to the Dean, Provost, and the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions.
CHAIR: The Chair of the Clinical Unit Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be elected by the members of the committee.
Current chair: Leo Bonilha, Neurology
TERM OF OFFICE: 2026-2028
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS: All tenured faculty members in FSOM clinical departments

C. Medical Library Unit Tenure Committee: Responsible for formulating and updating specific criteria for the appointment, retention, and/or tenure of FSOM medical librarians. The committee also assesses candidates for appointment, retention, or tenure (as the case may be) and makes recommendations to the FSOM Dean regarding the candidate librarian based on the applicable established criteria.
AUTHORITY: The committee has the sole authority to formulate criteria and make recommendations for appointment, retention, and tenure of FSOM medical librarians to the Dean, Provost, and the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions.
CHAIR: Roz McConnaughy, School of Medicine Library
TERM OF OFFICE: Continuous
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS: All tenured medical librarians in the FSOM Medical Library

II. Committees Related Directly to the Office of the Dean:

2. **Faculty Representation Committee**: Responsible for soliciting nominations, prescribing procedures for, and supervising all elections by the faculty of faculty members who have been nominated for committee and/or subcommittee electable positions to any such committees. The Faculty Representation Committee is also responsible for recommending faculty members for service as appointed members of committees to the Dean for any such appointable positions. Furthermore, the Faculty Representation Committee is responsible for resolving disputes and questions related to such faculty nomination and election processes and procedures if and when they arise.
AUTHORITY: Solicits interest and nominations of faculty candidates for service on FSOM committees and subcommittees. Administers elections for all electable faculty representation seats on such committees. Advises the Dean on the appointment of faculty members to FSOM and University committees; advised the Dean on the number and purpose of FSOM committees and subcommittees; and clarifies, with elected and appointed committee chairs, the charges for each FSOM committee and subcommittee; addresses with the Dean all matters referred to it by faculty members; and assists the Dean in obtaining faculty members' input into decision making. The members of the FRC elect 3 members (2 of whom must be from basic science departments) of this committee to represent the faculty on the Executive Committee and 3 members (2 of whom must be from basic science departments) to represent the faculty on the Student Promotions Committee.
CHAIR: The Chair of the Faculty Representation Committee shall be elected by the members of the committee for a two-year term.
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: At least once annually in June and additional meetings as required
MEMBERS:
2 elected basic science faculty members:
Kiesha Wilson, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2024-2027
Mohamad Azhar, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027 (Chair 2025-2027)

2 elected clinical faculty members:
Katie Stephenson, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Andrew Mather, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2024-2027

2 faculty members elected at-large:
Hannah Mather, Surgery, 2025-2028
Norma Frizzell, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2026-2029

2 faculty members appointed by the Dean:
Aaron Jasnow, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
Rita Brown, Physician Assistant Graduate Program, 2025-2028

1 faculty member appointed by the Dean from the Florence Regional Campus
Alan Sechtin, 2025-2028

Dean: Jamie Dwyer

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs: J.T. Thornhill

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: Leo Bonilha

Representative from the Columbia VA Health Care System: Michael Ryan

Staffed by Faculty Affairs Coordinator: Lori Anna Davis

B. **Executive Committee**: advises the Dean about administration of the FSOM. The committee approves school-wide policies, oversees the CQI process and strategic plan for the FSOM, and approves the Faculty Handbook.

AUTHORITY: Approves the Faculty Handbook of the FSOM and advises the Dean on administrative and operational matters of importance to the FSOM and the medical and/or graduate programs.
CHAIR: The Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the Dean of the FSOM
TERM OF OFFICE: All positions are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly
MEMBERS:
Dean: Jamie Dwyer (Chair)

Chairs of all departments:

Edie Goldsmith (Interim), Cell Biology and Anatomy
Frank Berger (Interim), Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology
Marlene Wilson, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience
Jamee Steen, Family and Preventive Medicine
Sharon Weissman, Internal Medicine
Souvik Sen, Neurology
Meera Narasimhan, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science
Berry Campbell, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Mark Robinson (Interim), Ophthalmology
Chris Mazoue', Orthopedics
Caughman Taylor, Pediatrics
Tripp Bell, Radiology
Amy Hildreth, Surgery

1 member appointed from the Florence Regional Campus:

Ed Behling, 2025-2028

3 members elected from the FRC, 2 of whom should be from basic science departments:

Aaron Jasnow, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2026-2029
Andrew Mather, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2025-2027
Kiesha Wilson, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2025-2027

Faculty Senator Representative from the FSOM (selected from among all FSOM faculty senators by their vote): Julie Hughes 2026-2027

Staff Senator Representative: Paige Styles 2026-2027

Director of Communications and Marketing: Emily Miles

Vice Dean: Jeff Perkins

Associate Deans: J. T. Thornhill, Eric Williams, Chuck Carter, Matt Orr, Alan Sechtin, Predrag Krajacic, Robert Rhinehart, Leo Bonilha, Bobby Miller

Assistant Deans: Brian Keisler, Derek Payne, Lindsie Cone, James Cook, Paul Toriello

Director of Cardiovascular Research Center: Clinton Webb

Director of Educational Program Assessment and Quality Improvement: Travien Capers

Director of Human Resources: Susan Herndon

Director of Legal Affairs: Craig Stanley

Lead Senior Director of Development: Bryan Winters

Director of Alumni Engagement and External Affairs: Holly Jefferson

Director of Medical Library: Roz McConnaughy

Director of South Carolina Center for Rural & Primary Healthcare: Kevin Bennett

Columbia VA Health Care System ACOS for Education: James McCallum

Amy Smith (Interim), Assistant Dean Student Affairs (July – December 2026)

1. **Culture and Climate Committee: (sent to Matt Orr and Ana P. on 06/15/2026, reminder 08/19/2026)** assesses and monitors the overall culture and climate within the FSOM and recommends organizational strategies, policies, and practices that will enable a diverse, welcoming, and supportive working/learning environment that embodies the FSOM values and builds a culture of civility, professionalism, inclusion and wellbeing. Reports through the FSOM Executive Committee. The Staff Council Subcommittee reports through the Culture and Climate Committee.
   CHAIR: Faculty member appointed by Dean, Ana Pocivavsek, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience
   CO-CHAIR: Staff member appointed by the Dean
   TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms
   MEETING FREQUENCY: As needed

   MEMBERS:
   8 elected faculty members, in addition to the Chair (at a minimum 1 tenure-track faculty member, 1 basic science professional-track faculty member, and 1 clinical professional-track faculty member

   Tenure-Track Faculty
   Camilla Ferreira Wenceslau, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2025-2028
   Fiona Hollis, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
   Kandy Velazquez, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2024-2027

   Basic Science Professional-Track Faculty
   Ioulia Chatzistamou - Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2029

   Clinical Professional-Track Faculty
   Michele Stanek, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2024-2027
   Paul Toriello, Research and Graduate Education, 2024-2027
   Catherine Gutshall, PPN – Nurse Anesthesia, 2024-2027
   Matthew Nodelman, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2026-2029

   5 staff members appointed by the Dean:
   VACANT

VACANT
Heather Willingham, Cell Biology and Anatomy
Sweta Chalise, Office of Research
Bruce Harsey, Facilities

Medical Students:
Celine Anstey, MII
William Smith, MII
Mackenzie Manzi, MII

Graduate Students:
TBA
TBA

Post-doctoral Fellow:
TBA

Resident:
TBA

Strategic Advisor: Matt Orr, Continuous Professional Development and Strategic Affairs (ex officio)

Director of Communications: Emily Miles (ex officio)

Employee/Student Health Nurse: Jennifer Evans (ex officio)

Director of Faculty Development in Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs: Morgan Rhodes (ex officio)

Staff Council Chair: Raeven Hayes (ex officio)

C. **Basic Science Advisory Committee**: advises the Dean about issues related to the basic sciences in the FSOM.
CHAIR: Dean of the FSOM
TERM OF OFFICE: All positions are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly
MEMBERS:
Dean: Jamie Dwyer (Chair)

Chairs of all basic science departments:
Edie Goldsmith (Interim), Cell Biology and Anatomy
Frank Berger (Interim), Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology
Marlene Wilson, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: Leo Bonilha

Assistant Dean for Pre-Clerkship Curriculum: Diego Alvarez

Director of Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program: Aaron Jasnow

Director of the Instrumentation Resource Facility: Austin Worden

Associate Chief of Staff for Research, Columbia VA Medical Center: Michael Ryan

Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration: Derek Payne

Vice Dean: Jeff Perkins

D. **Biomedical Engineering Committee**: advises the Dean on issues related to biomedical engineering in the FSOM.
CHAIR: Elected by members every two years
TERM OF OFFICE: No term limit
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
Faculty who have a research interest in biomedical engineering or who participate in the Biomedical Engineering Program.

Clinton Webb, Cell Biology and Anatomy/Cardiovascular Center
Jay Potts, Cell Biology and Anatomy
Wayne Carver, Cell Biology and Anatomy
David Mott, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience
Mark Uline, Biomedical Engineering
Jason Kubinak, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: Leo Bonilha

E. **Student Promotions Committee**: addresses allegations of student breaches in professional behavior that have been referred to them by the Honor Committee. The Student Promotions Committee addresses allegations of misconduct and will ensure the due process rights of the individual in question.
AUTHORITY: The Student Promotions Committee will make decisions concerning the appropriate action and improvement for a student who has been found to have violated the Honor Code.
CHAIR: The Chair of the Student Promotions Committee shall be elected by the committee members for a two-year term.
TERM OF OFFICE: All positions are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As needed.

MEMBERS:
Chairs of all departments:

Edie Goldsmith (Interim), Cell Biology and Anatomy
Frank Berger (Interim), Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology
Marlene Wilson, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience
Jamee Steen, Chair, Family and Preventive Medicine
Sharon Weissman, Internal Medicine
Souvik Sen, Neurology
Meera Narasimhan, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science
Berry Campbell, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Mark Robinson (Interim), Ophthalmology
Chris Mazoue', Orthopedics
Caughman Taylor, Pediatrics
Tripp Bell, Radiology (Chair 2026-2028)
Amy Hildreth, Surgery

3 faculty members elected from the FRC, 2 of whom should be from basic science departments:
Aaron Jasnow, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
Hannah Mather, Surgery, 2025-2028
Katie Stephenson, Pediatrics, 2025-2028

Staffed by Assistant Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education: Predrag Krajacic (ex officio/non-voting)

1. **Honor Committee**: comprised of students and faculty, this committee educates the students about the USC Honor Code.
AUTHORITY: Makes recommendations to the Student Promotions Committee regarding non-academic issues of professionalism and student behavior.
CHAIR: The chair will be elected by the members annually for a one-year term and must be an MII.
Current chair: TBA Chair and TBA, Vice Chair
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty advisors; 1 year for Chair (always an M-II)
MEETING FREQUENCY: As needed
MEMBERS:
2 elected faculty advisors:
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Duncan Norton, Pediatrics, 2024-2027
Rita Brown, PA Program, 2026-2029

Medical Students:
2026
TBA

2027
TBA
2028
TBA

Graduate Students
TBA

F. **Academic Review Committee**: reviews students who have not met academic standards and ultimately makes decisions regarding the students' continued enrollment and/or academic progress in the FSOM.
AUTHORITY: The committee is empowered with the authority to require a student to remediate coursework or be dismissed.
CHAIR: The Academic Review Committee will have co-chairs. The Associate Dean for Student Affairs will serve as one co-chair (ex officio/non-voting). The other co-chair will be elected by the committee members and serve a one-year term.
Current co-chairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026 and Kevin LeBlanc (2026-2027)
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty members; Chair is ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Twice a year in May and December and additional meetings as required.

MEMBERS:
3 elected basic science faculty members:
Jay Potts, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027
Swapan Ray, Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, 2026-2027

Ben Hawfield, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2029

3 elected clinical faculty members:

Andrew Mather, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2024-2027
Jeanette Fulton, Radiology, 2024-2027
Scott Carney, Pediatrics, 2026-2029

3 faculty members appointed by the Dean:
Rita Brown, Physician Assistant Graduate Program, 2024-2027
Kevin LeBlanc, Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Program, 2024-2027 (co-chair)
Kerry Sims, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2024-2027

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026 (co-chair/ex officio/non-voting)

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education: Predrag Krajacic (ex officio/non-voting)

G. **Women in Science and Medicine Committee**: advises the Dean on issues related to women students, faculty, and staff of the FSOM.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year periods, staggered terms for faculty and staff members and 1-year terms for graduate and medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly
MEMBERS:
2 elected faculty members from basic science departments:
Kiesha Wilson, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2024-2027 (Chair)
Camilla Ferreira Wenceslau, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027

3 elected faculty members from clinical departments:
Kerry Sims, OB/GYN, 2025-2028
Courtney Sanchez, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2024-2027
Carol Alan, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2024-2027

2 representatives appointed by the Dean:

Rebecca Widener, Pediatrics, 2026-2029
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2 FSOM alumni appointed by the Dean:
Monica McCutcheon, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Julie Anderson, Pediatrics, 2026-2029

2 FSOM non-faculty staff members appointed by the Dean:
Jessica Allison, Development, 2025-2028
Presleigh Sawyer, PA Program, 2026-2029

Medical Students:
Olivia Cyburt, MII
Jordan Marcengill, MIV

Graduate Students:

TBA

FSOM's AAMC Women's Liaison Officer serve as ex officio, non-voting member: Zoe Foster

Honorary Member: Kasie Roark

H. **Appointment and Promotion Committee for Professional-Track Basic Science Faculty:** evaluates the curriculum vitae and application materials for candidates requesting appointment or promotion at the Associate Professor or Professor level and recommends to the Dean the appropriate faculty rank for the candidate.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS: Associate Professor or Professor (non-tenure track) from each basic science department appointed by the Faculty Representation Committee; Professor (tenure-track or non-tenure track) from each basic science department appointed by the Department Chair

Faculty members appointed by the Faculty Representation Committee
Swapan Ray, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2028
Kevin LeBlanc, Nurse Anesthesia Program (PPN), 2025-2028
Britt Wilson, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2026-2029 (Chair)
Jack Goldsmith, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2029

Faculty members appointed by the Department Chair
Ioulia Chatzistamou Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2029
Erika Blanck, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2029
Claudia Grillo, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2026-2029

I. **Appointment and Promotion Committee for Professional-Track Clinical Faculty:** evaluates the curriculum vitae and application materials for candidates requesting appointment or promotion at the Associate Professor or Professor level and recommends to the Dean the appropriate faculty rank for the candidate.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for departments with more than one full professor
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS: Associate Professor or Professor (non-tenure track) appointed by the Department Chair from each clinical department
Berry Campell, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2025-2028
Chuck Carter, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2024-2027
William Hester, Florence Regional Campus, 2024-2027
Kaustubh Joshi, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2025-2028
Julian Kim, Surgery, 2025-2028
Mary Beth Poston, Internal Medicine, 2026-2029
David Rotholz, 2026-2027 (Chair)
Swamy Venkatesh, Neurology, 2025-2028
John Walsh, Orthopedic Surgery, 2025-2028
Scott Carney, Pediatrics, 2026-2029

J. **Conflict of Interest Committee**: addresses situations when outside financial interests may overlap or conflict with their activities at the USC FSOM and manage compliance with University, FSOM, and national policies regarding intellectual or financial conflicts of interest. The committee will provide oversight for recognizing the importance of research and educational missions to the University and

acknowledge that it is enhanced when members of the University community interact with other groups and organizations, including businesses, government entities, not-for-profit groups, professional societies, and other academic institutions, and reasonably address potential conflicts of interest.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for appointed faculty members; all other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As needed. Since the group meets via email and most issues are clinical, most of the COI questions get sent to the Medical Group, which has FSOM overlap with the FSOM. If there is a COI question that is strictly FSOM, then it will be sent to the FSOM Conflict of Interest Committee.

MEMBERS:
2 faculty members from clinical departments appointed by the Dean after consultation with the FRC:
Anthony Miles Scott, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028
Leo Bonilha, Neurology, 2025-2028

2 faculty members from a basic science department appointed by the Dean after consultation with the FRC:
Wenbin Tan, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2025-2028
Reilly Enos, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology 2025-2028 (Chair)

Director of Legal Affairs: Craig Stanley

Associate Dean for Continuous Professional Development and Strategic Affairs: Matt Orr

III. Committees Related to the Office of the Dean Through the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education, including Offices of Admissions and Enrollment Services and Student and Career Services:

Through Office of Undergraduate Medical Education:

A. MD Program Policy and Procedures Committee: ensures that the content of policies governing the MD program meet University guidelines, LCME requirements for Element 4.6, and are aligned with the FSOM's Strategic Plan. The purpose of the committee is to review and revise or approve policies submitted by administrative and other units of the MD program, in addition to developing policies and procedures for the MD program to ensure that all students, faculty, and staff are treated equitably, and expectations of behavior are clear.
AUTHORITY: The committee is advisory to the Dean regarding policies that involve the MD program and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning policies that involve other educational/research/clinical/administrative programs in the FSOM.
CHAIR: Elected by members, TBA
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms
MEETING FREQUENCY: Quarterly or as needed
MEMBERS:
3 elected faculty members
Bobby Miller, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Wayne Carver, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027
Elizabeth MacInnis, Internal Medicine, 2026-2029

2 staff members appointed by the Dean:
Gretchen Strasser – Undergraduate Medical Education, 2026-2029
Takillya Brown – Student Affairs, 2026-2029

Medical Students:
TBA

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education: Predrag Krajacic

Director of Legal Affairs: Craig Stanley

B. **Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Task Force:** reports to the Dean and will be responsible for ongoing monitoring of FSOM's compliance with LCME accreditation elements, in accordance with expectations set forth by LCME. The CQI task force will monitor general communications from the LCME that may impact strategic planning for maintaining accreditation for the medical school, perform an analysis and provide a report to the Dean after receipt of communications from the LCME regarding accreditation status of the medical school. The CQI task force identifies elements for ongoing monitoring and establishes a schedule for ongoing review, in addition to collecting data needed for its reviews from other FSOM committees, administrators, faculty, and students. Regular reports are provided to the Dean on its activities and recommendations. Students from this committee are designated from the Curriculum Committee.
CHAIR: Senior Assistant Dean for Education Projects, Executive Director CQI

TERM OF OFFICE: All members are ex-officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly

MEMBERS:
Bobby Miller (Chair)
J.T. Thornhill
Predrag Krajacic
Robert Rhinehart
Eric Williams
Stephany Smith
Brian Kiesler
Alexa Gandy
Matt Orr
Paul Toriello
Jeff Perkins
Andrew Vaughan, Chair of Curriculum Committee
Erika Blanck, Chair-Elect of Curriculum Committee

Medical Students
Jack Parsons, MII
Bennett Lucas, MIV
Curriculum Committee student
Curriculum Committee student

Through Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services:

C. **Admissions Committee**: holds the responsibility of applying the requirements for admission to the medical education program. The charge extends to students applying to any joint graduate MD program(s) that may exist. The Admissions Committee will decide which of the candidates meeting these requirements will be admitted. All decisions made by the committee are final. The Admissions Committee is also responsible for evaluating applicants in alignment with the academic standards,

mission, vision, and values of the FSOM, and developing a wait list from which additional candidates are chosen to receive an offer of admission as positions become available. In cooperation with the Curriculum Committee, the Admissions Committee is also responsible for maintaining, updating the technical standards, and ensuring that the technical standards are properly disseminated to the applicants at an appropriate time during the application process.

AUTHORITY: The Admissions Committee alone has the authority to admit, deny, and develop a waitlist for the admission of applicants to the medical education program.

CHAIR: The Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Recruitment serves as the chair of the Admissions Committee (ex officio).

TERM OF OFFICE: From one to three years at the pleasure of the Chair of the Admissions Committee and 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio

MEETING FREQUENCY: Each Wednesday from 1:30-5:00 p.m. from mid-September until the end of March. Committee members are expected to attend at least 75% of the meetings. For the 2026-2027 academic year, committee meetings and interviews will be virtual.

MEMBERS:

28 full-time faculty members, students, alumni, and community representatives. 18 faculty members are elected for three-year terms and up to three community members/alumni/faculty appointed by the Dean upon recommendation of the Faculty Representation Committee and the Chair of the Admissions Committee for a one-year term. Membership should be broad-based and include clinical partner representatives and at least one representative from the Florence Regional Campus. Up to seven medical students serving one-year terms including at least one representative from Florence Regional Campus.

Mohamad Azhar, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027
Avery Dingle, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2025-2028
Christine Wheeler, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2027
LJ Bryson, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028
Josnel Faiivae, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2024-2027
Andrew Mather, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2024-2027
Brittany Fraser, Surgery 2025-2028
J.T. Thornhill, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, 2026-2027
Donald Wouri, Retired Faculty Member, 2026-2027
Hugh Wilcox, McLeod Medical Center, 2026-2027
James McCallum, VA Representative, 2026-2027
Nosizwe Sellers, VA Representative 2026-2027
Eileen Korpita, Community Representative, 2026-2027
Myron Bell, Community Representative, 2026-2027
Collin Homer-Bouthiette, Internal Medicine, 2026-2029
Kamla Sanasi-Bhola, Internal Medicine, 2026 - 2029
Courtney Sanchez, Psychiatry, 2026-2027
Subash Regmi, Internal Medicine, 2026-2027
Matt Varner, Internal Medicine, 2026-2027
Jodi Dingle, Pediatrics, 2026-2027
Gary Bell, Pediatrics, 2026-2027
Katie Mollo, Pediatrics, 2026-2027
Amanda Stratton, Emergency Medicine, 2026-2027
Alex Young, Pediatrics, 2026-2026
Liang Zha, Internal Medicine, 2026-2027
Sharon Weissman, Internal Medicine, 2026-2027
Fathan Maqsood, Internal Medicine, Florence, 2026-2027
Bonnie Grossman, Internal Medicine, 2026-2027
Ioulia Chatzistamou, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2027

Kandy Velazquez, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2027
Travien Capers, Academic Affairs, 2026-2027
Amanda Mulalley, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2027
Richard Webb, Surgery (Lexington), 2026-2027 (Alternate)

Medical Students:

Jeffrey Behling, MIV
Wesley Caudle, MIV
Shelby Cowan, MIV
Sirlin Kaur, MIV - Florence
Parker Liggett, MIV - Florence
Liliana Pienkos, MIV - Florence
Emery Tran, MIV
Kyla Manning, MIV
Ryan Titus, MIV

Interim Associate Dean for M.D. Admissions: Brian Keisler (Chair)

Through Office of Undergraduate Medical Education:

D. **Curriculum Committee**: is responsible for the development of, oversight over, and the periodic review of the content, structure, and pedagogy of the curriculum leading to the MD degree, and for ensuring that students learn the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors necessary for the successful practice of medicine. The Curriculum Committee is also responsible for ensuring that the educational curriculum adheres to applicable accreditation requirements. Furthermore, in cooperation with the Admissions Committee, the Curriculum Committee is responsible for reviewing and updating the Technical Standards to ensure that the standards adequately reflect the physical and cognitive requirements of students necessary to properly participate in and complete all required curricular activities and satisfy applicable learning objectives.
AUTHORITY: The Curriculum Committee shall have the authority to determine policy, overall design, integration, management, evaluation, and enhancement on any matter concerning the MD curriculum, to ensure a coherent and coordinated medical curriculum.
CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT: The Chair of the Curriculum Committee is elected by the members for a two-year term, the first year as Chair-Elect and then the second year as Chair. The Chair-Elect position is elected annually and alternates between a basic science and a clinical committee member.
2026-2027 Current chair: Andrew Vaughan; 2026-2027 Current chair-elect: Erika Blanck
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year (see above for new terms) staggered terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members and consultants are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly
MEMBERS:
1 faculty member from each clinical department, 2 faculty members from each basic science department, and 1 faculty member from the Florence Regional Campus.

Avery Dingle, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2028
Andrew Vaughn, Family and Preventive Medicine 2025-2028 (Chair)
Katelyn Fisher, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2025-2028
Kevin Murr, Orthopedic Surgery, 2025-2028
Mark Jones, Florence Regional Campus, 2026-2028
Andy Sides, Internal Medicine, 2026-2029
Tripp Bell, Radiology, 2026-2029
Courtney Sanchez, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science 2026-2029
Erika Blanck, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2029 (Chair-Elect)

Britt Wilson, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2026-2029
Jim Fadel, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2026-2029
Jack Goldsmith, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027
Swamy Venkatesh, Neurology, 2024-2027
Ioulia Chatzistamou, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2024-2027
Jodi Dingle, Pediatrics, 2025-2027
David Moffatt, Surgery, 2024-2027

Medical Students:
Abigail Ryan, MII
Lyles Addy, MII
Jonathan Davis, MIV
Tejas Patel, MIV
Mary McElveen, MIV – Florence Student Representative

Non-Voting Members

Assistant Dean for Clinical Learning: James Cook

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education: Predrag Krajacic

Assistant Dean for Clinical Curriculum and Assessment: Brian Keisler

Assistant Dean for Pre-Clerkship Curriculum: Diego Alvarez

Associate Dean for Medical Student Education (Florence): Alan Sechtin

Non-Voting Consultants:

Director of Educational Program Assessment and Quality Improvement: Travien Capers

Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer: Lindsie Cone

Director of Medical Library: Roz McConnaughy

Registrar: Robert Rhinehart

Interim Associate Dean for Admission: Brian Keisler

Associate Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026

Staffed by Administrative Coordinator, Office of Undergraduate Medical Education: VACANT

1. Standing Subcommittees:

a. M-I/M-II Subcommittee: is responsible for the periodic review and update of all required M-I and M-II courses.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: 1-year terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Called at the discretion of the chair or at the direction of the chair of the Curriculum Committee.

MEMBERS:
At least 4 faculty members appointed by the Curriculum Committee Chair from a roster of basic science and clinical Curriculum Committee members who have expressed interest in this subcommittee:
Course Directors:

Christopher Gainey
Edie Goldsmith
Erika Blanck
James Cook
Britt Wilson

Block Directors:
Avery Dingle
Alexa Gandy
Colin Evans
Ioulia Chatzistamou
Lawrence Reagan (Chair)
Jim Fadel

Medical Students:

Abigail Ryan, MII
Lyles Addy, MII

Holly LaVoie (non-voting member)

Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer: Lindsie Cone (non-voting consultant)

Assistant Dean for Pre-Clerkship Curriculum: Diego Alvarez (ex officio)

Course Directors (ex officio)

Representation from both basic science and clinical departments is essential; the subcommittee may also invite other faculty members who are not Curriculum Committee members. With the approval of the Subcommittee chair, minutes will be taken and distributed by the Assistant Dean for the Pre-clerkship Curriculum.

b. **MIII/MIV Subcommittee**: is responsible for the periodic review and update of all required M-III and M-IV courses.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: 1-year, terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Called at the discretion of the chair or at the direction of the chair of the Curriculum Committee.
MEMBERS:
At least 4 faculty members appointed by the Curriculum Committee Chair from a roster of basic science and clinical Curriculum Committee members who have expressed interest in this subcommittee:

Andrew Vaughan – Family Medicine
Andrew Sides – Internal Medicine
Staphanie Paolini – Neurology
Katelyn Fisher – OB/GYN

James Stallworth – Pediatrics
Courtney Sanchez – Psychiatry (Chair)
Phillip Prest - Surgery
Tripp Bell
Jodi Dingle
Swamy Venkatesh
Marwan Elya, Florence

Medical Students:
Jonathan Davis, MIV
Tejas Patel, MIV
Mary McElveen, MIV – Florence Student Representative

Associate Dean for Medical Education (Florence): Alan Sechtin (ex officio)

Assistant Dean for Clinical Curriculum and Assessment: Brian Keisler (ex officio)

Representation from both basic science and clinical departments is essential; the subcommittee may also invite other faculty members who are not Curriculum Committee members. With the approval of the Subcommittee chair, minutes will be taken and distributed by the Assistant Dean for Clinical Curriculum.

c. **Distributed Curricula Subcommittee** – is responsible for periodic reviews and assessments of distributed curricula for medical students. Make reports and recommendations, based upon the findings of the periodic reviews and assessments of distributed curricula, to the Curriculum Committee. Review elements of the curriculum that span both pre-clinical and clinical learning environments and identify them as distributed curricula.

CHAIR: James Cook
TERM OF OFFICE: 1-year terms for faculty members; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Called at the discretion of the chair or at the direction of the chair of the Curriculum Committee.

MEMBERS:
Jack Goldsmith
James Cook
Tripp Bell
Ben Hawfield

Medical Students:
Jonathan Davis, MIV
Tejas Patel, MIV

Thread Directors – Voting Members
Chris Goodman – Health and Society
James Cook – Health Systems Science (Chair)
Jack Goldsmith – Nutrition
Tripp Bell – Point of Care Ultrasound

Avery Dingle, PMI (non-voting member)

Jeannette Fulton, Radiology (non-voting member)

Associate Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026 (non-voting consultant)

Registrar: Robert Rhinehart (non-voting consultant)

Interim Associate Dean for Admissions: Brian Keisler

d. **Assessment and Evaluation Subcommittee**: is responsible for serving as consultants for assessment projects and otherwise serving as leaders to support a culture of assessment throughout the FSOM; regularly reviewing FSOM assessment policies and procedures and recommending improvements to the FSOM Curriculum Committee; supporting FSOM assessors with information and resources, including technology recommendations, to maintain and carry out assessment plans--this includes recommending or providing assistance in the development of specific assessments of student learning outcomes.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: The other 3 standing subcommittees of the Curriculum Committee have Chairs elected at the beginning of the academic year who serve 1-year terms and whose terms will be extended if they are the subcommittee chair for multiple years. The medical student will serve a 1-year term. The assistant deans and director of the program assessment are ex officio.
MEETING FREQUENCY: Called at the discretion of the chair or at the direction of the chair of the Curriculum Committee.
MEMBERS: Chairs of the subcommittees:
Lawrence Reagan – Chair, MI/MII Subcommittee
Courtney Sanchez – Chair, MIII/MIV Subcommittee
James Cook – Chair, Distributed Curriculum Subcommittee
Erika Blanck - At-Large, Basic Science
Andy Sides -At-Large, Clinical Science

Medical Students:
Jonathan Davis, MIV

Director of Educational Program Assessment and Quality Improvement: Travien Capers (non-voting consultant)

Associate Dean for Medical Student Education-Florence: Alan Sechtin (ex officio)

Assistant Dean for Pre-Clerkship Curriculum: Diego Alvarez (ex officio)

Assistant Dean for Clinical Curriculum and Assessment: Brian Keisler (ex officio)

Director of Medical Library: Roz McConnaughy (non-voting consultant)

e. **Academic Standards Subcommittee**: responsible for the maintenance of academic excellence in the FSOM, establishes criteria for determination of satisfactory academic performance for promotion and graduation of medical students; establishes consistent standards for methods of assessing quality, assigning grades, and correcting academic deficiencies of medical students.
CHAIR: The Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education serves as the chair of

the Academic Standards Subcommittee (ex officio).
Current Chair: Predrag Krajacic, Associate Dean
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year staggered terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Twice a year and additional meetings as required
MEMBERS:

5 elected faculty members:
Stacey Cobb, Pediatrics, 2024-2027
Kerry Sims, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2024-2027
Matthew Nodelman, Family and Preventative Medicine, 2024-2027
Nicholas Hoppmann – Dorn VA Internal Medicine, 2026-2029
Ronald Scott Wells – Pediatrics, 2026-2029

Medical Students:
Olivia Moran, MIV
Joshua Hutto, MIV

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education: Predrag Krajacic (Chair)

Assistant Dean for Clinical Curriculum and Assessment: Brian Keisler

Registrar: Robert Rhinehart

Interim Associate Dean for Admissions: Brian Keisler

Director of Program Assessment and Quality Improvement: Travien Capers

Assistant Dean for Pre-Clerkship Curriculum: Diego Alvarez

1. **Grade Change Subcommittee**: hears, assesses, and decides upon requests from faculty members and students for grade changes in courses, clerkships, and electives.
CHAIR: The Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Recruitment (Registrar) will serve as chair of the Grade Change Subcommittee (ex officio). Current chair: Robert Rhinehart, Registrar
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year terms for faculty members; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required

MEMBERS:
1 faculty member of the Academic Standards Subcommittee selected by Academic Standards Subcommittee members as the representative to the Grade Change Subcommittee: Matthew Nodelman, 2024-2027

3 elected faculty members:
Tameka Funny, Internal Medicine 2024-2027
Kaustubh Joshi, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2025-2028
Jennifer Sabo, Pediatrics, 2026-2029

Staffed by Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Recruitment (Registrar): Robert Rhinehart (Chair)

Through Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education:

E. **Graduate Education Committee**: oversees all the Graduate Programs in the FSOM. Establishes policies and procedures for the graduate programs consistent with USC and FSOM guidelines.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: All members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
All directors of FSOM graduate programs
Aaron Jasnow, Biomedical Science Graduate Program
Kevin LeBlanc, Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Program
Christine Sacco-Bene, Counseling and Rehabilitation Graduate Program
Whitney Dobeck, Genetic Counseling Graduate Program
Rita Brown, Physician Assistant Graduate Program

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: Leo Bonilha

F. **Biomedical Science Graduate Committee**: develops and oversees the content, structure, and pedagogy of the curriculum leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences degrees and for ensuring that students have solid knowledge and skills in biomedical sciences. Ensures that program requirements are met by departments, research focus groups, and students.
CHAIR: Director of Biomedical Science Graduate Programs
TERM OF OFFICE: All faculty members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
Biomedical Science Graduate Program Director: Aaron Jasnow

2 appointed representatives from each basic science department:
Daping Fan, Cell Biology and Anatomy (2026-2029)
Samantha Tippen, Cell Biology and Anatomy (2026-2029)
Angela Murphy, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology (2026-2029
Jason Kubinak, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology (2026-2029)
Jim Fadel, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience (2026-2029)
Susan Wood, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience (2026-2029

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: Leo Bonilha

Health Professional Sciences Concentration Director: Ioulia Chatzistamou

Applied Biotech Concentration Director: Austin Worden

G. **Integrated Biomedical Sciences Admissions Committee**: reviews applications for admissions to the Integrated Biomedical Sciences first-year program.
CHAIR: Biomedical Science Graduate Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: All faculty members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
Biomedical Science Graduate Program Director: Aaron Jasnow

1 appointed representative from each of the following departments/schools:

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry: Wayne Outten
Department of Biological Sciences: David Reisman
Department of Drug Discovery and Biomedical Sciences: Doug Pittman
FSOM Basic Science Department: Aaron Jasnow

H. **Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Committee:** establishes policies and procedures for the Graduate Nurse Anesthesia Program consistent with USC and FSOM guidelines. Ensures that program requirements are met.
CHAIR: Graduate Nurse Anesthesia Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: All faculty members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Twice per year and additional meetings as required
MEMBERS:
Graduate Nurse Anesthesia Program: Director: Kevin LeBlanc (Chair)
Assistant Program Director – Columbia Site: Catherine Gutshall
Assistant Program Director – Greenville Site: Richard Wilson
Faculty of Graduate Nurse Anesthesia Program: Tab King and Marc Benz
Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Coordinator (Columbia): Catherine Rhea

I. **Nurse Anesthesia Program Admissions Committee:** evaluates applications, interviews potential candidates, and makes recommendations for admission to the Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia in accordance with university policy.
CHAIR: Nurse Anesthesia Faculty Member appointed by the Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: two years
MEETING FREQUENCY: Spring admissions cycle, typically six interview days in early November
MEMBERS:
Program Director: Kevin LeBlanc (ex officio)

6 appointed faculty members:
Sheena Morris, 2025-2027 (Chair)
Winston King, 2025-2027
Catherine Gutshall, 2025-2027
Jefferson Souza, 2025-2027
Marcia Iszard, 2025-2027
Tracy Pedigo, 2025-2027

J. **Nurse Anesthesia Curricular Review/Planning Committee:** evaluates, discusses, and makes recommendations regarding the didactic and clinical curriculum. It is a major component of the Continuous Self-Assessment Plan to determine purposeful change and needed improvement.
CHAIR: Nurse Anesthesia Faculty Member appointed by the Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: two years
MEETING FREQUENCY: three times per year—meeting typically occurs at the end of each semester
MEMBERS:
Program Director: Kevin LeBlanc (ex officio)

5 appointed faculty members:
Catherine Gutshall, 2025-2027 (Chair)
Marcia Iszard 2025-2027
Sheena Morris 2025-2027
Tracy Pedigo 2025-2027
Jefferson Souza 2025-2027

1 elected faculty member:

Annette Rauch, PA Program, 2025-2027

K. **Counseling and Rehabilitation Graduate Committee**: establishes policies and procedures for the Graduate Counseling and Rehabilitation Program consistent with USC and FSOM guidelines. Ensures that program requirements are met.
CHAIR: Counseling and Rehabilitation Graduate Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: All faculty members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
Academic Director of Counseling and Rehabilitation Graduate Program: Christine Sacco-Bene, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science (Chair)

3 faculty members appointed:
Michael Walsh, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2026-2029
Robert Dawson, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2026-2029
Farren Stackhouse, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2026-2029

L. **Genetic Counseling Graduate Committee**: establishes policies and procedures for the Graduate Genetic Counseling Program consistent with USC and FSOM guidelines. Ensures that program requirements are met.
CHAIR: Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: All faculty members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
Program Director: Whitney Dobek (Chair)

3 faculty members appointed:
Whitney Dobek, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Amy Wardyn, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Jessica Fairey, Obstetrics and Gynecology

M. **Physician Assistant Graduate Committee:** establishes policies and procedures for the Physician Assistant Program consistent with USC and FSOM guidelines. Ensures that program requirements are met.
CHAIR: Physician Assistant Program Director
TERM OF OFFICE: All faculty members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required
MEMBERS:
Program Director: Rita Brown

4 appointed members:
Pamela Wilson, Director of Didactic Education
Lisa Myrick, Director of Clinical Education
James Stallworth, Physician Assistant Program Medical Director
Paul Toriello, Assistant Dean for Clinical Graduate Programs

N. **Physician Assistant Graduate Program Admissions Committee**: interviews and selects Physician Assistant Program applicants.
CHAIR: Physician Assistant Graduate Program Admissions Director
TERM OF OFFICE: Two years
MEETING FREQUENCY: Interviews are held over one week, typically in September
MEMBERS:

Physician Assistant Program Director: Rita Brown

Program Faculty:
VACANT (Chair)
Pamela Wilson
Annette Rauch
Lisa Myrick
Kelly Clark

2 elected faculty members:
Janel Hager, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2027
Nosizwe Sellers, Dorn VA Internal Medicine, 2026-2028

1 Physician Assistant Program Staff Member: Toshia Truesdale

O. **Physician Assistant Graduate Program Student Progress and Promotion Committee**: evaluates student academic and professional progress and makes recommendations for action to the program director.
CHAIR: Physician Assistant Program Medical Director
TERM OF OFFICE: Two years
MEETING FREQUENCY: as needed, typically meet more often during the spring semester
MEMBERS:

Program Faculty:
VACANT
Pamela Wilson
Annette Rauch
Lisa Myrick
Kelly Clark

1 elected faculty member:
Jack Goldsmith, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2028

Physician Assistant Program Medical Director: James Stallworth (Chair)

Through Office of Student Affairs and Career Advising:

P. **Leave of Absence Committee**: makes recommendations to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education regarding leaves of absence from the FSOM for medical students.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty members
MEETING FREQUENCY: As required.
MEMBERS:
4 elected faculty members:
Tisha Boston, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028 (Chair)
Duncan Norton, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Bonnie Grossman, Internal Medicine, 2026-2029
Chadwell Vail, Internal Medicine, 2026-2029

1 appointed faculty member in the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science:
Christine Sacco-Bene, Counseling and Rehabilitation, 2025-2028

Staffed by Associate Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026

Q. **Scholarship and Loan Committee**: awards all FSOM scholarships and awards all long-term loans administered by the FSOM.
CHAIR: Elected by members – TBA
TERM OF OFFICE: Three-year, staggered terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members and consultants are ex office workers
MEETING FREQUENCY: Twice a year in the spring and fall semesters
MEMBERS:
5 elected faculty members:

Emily Neger, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Garrett Helms, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028
Kylie Whittle, Family and Preventative Medicine, 2024-2027
Christine Sacco-Bene, Counseling and Rehabilitation, 2026-2029
Patricia Witherspoon, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2026-2029

Medical Students:

Lauren Schaurer, MII
Cecily Kaufmann, MIV

Consultants:
Education Foundation Representative: Brittany Wesley

Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance: Derek Payne

Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Recruitment and Registrar: Robert Rhinehart

Staffed by Associate Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026
and Assistant Director of Student Affairs/Financial Aid: Jerel Arceneaux

R. **Student Services Committee**: works with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Career Advising to advocate for, promote, and implement opportunities to improve the culture and collaboration among all USC FSOM students and enhance student experience. The Student Services Committee strives to preserve and promote students' physical, social, emotional, and cognitive wellness.
CHAIR: Associate Dean for Student Affairs Columbia
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As needed or twice a year in the Spring and Fall semesters
MEMBERS:
5 elected faculty members:

Emily Lowell, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Christine Sacco-Bene, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2025-2028
Garrett Helms, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028
David Mott, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
Melanie Blackburn, Pediatrics, 2024-2027

Medical Students:

Will Stokes, MII
Trado Mayson, MIV

Graduate Students:

Tylor "Jade" Mattress – Genetic Counseling 2026-2027
TBA

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs: Amy Smith, Interim July-December 2026 (Chair)

IV. Committees Related to the Office of the Dean through the Office of Administration and Finance:

A. Faculty Budget Committee: serves in an advisory capacity to the school's financial and academic leaders regarding financial and budgetary issues. This committee will serve as a liaison between the unit administration and the faculty on matters pertaining to the FSOM budget, advocating for faculty priorities on matters of budget and budgetary policy, and providing a venue for discussing faculty questions and concerns about the FSOM budget and budgeting process. This committee will support the key role that chairs and directors play in the school's budget decision making.
CHAIR: Elected by the members - TBA
TERM OF OFFICE: The faculty member receiving the highest number of votes in each of the three categories will serve a three-year term. For tenured/tenure track and professional track faculty categories, the faculty members who receive the second most votes will serve an initial two-year term. Following the initial terms, all terms will be for three years.
MEETING FREQUENCY: At least quarterly

MEMBERS:
2 elected tenure-track or tenured faculty members:
Holly LaVoie, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2025-2028
James Stallworth, Pediatrics, 2026-2029

2 elected professional-track faculty members:
Heather Staples, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
Kaustubh Joshi, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2026-2029

1 elected librarian:
Victor Jenkinson, Medical Library, 2026-2029

Dean: Jamie Dwyer

Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance: Derek Payne

V. Committees Related to the Health and Safety of FSOM Faculty Members, Students, and Staff Members:

A. Wellness Promotion Committee: coordinates and promotes wellness activities for FSOM faculty, staff, and students.
CHAIR: Elected by members - TBA
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty and staff members, 1-year terms for medical and graduate students
MEETING FREQUENCY: Six times per year

MEMBERS:
3 elected faculty members
Jeffrey Wisinski, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028
Marjorie Cloninger, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
James Selph, Neurology, 2024-2027

3 non-faculty FSOM staff members appointed by the Dean:

Nicole Holt, PMI, 2024-2027
JoSondra Hughes, Academic Support, 2026-2029
Alyssa Fencel, Development, 2026-2029

Medical Students:
Sophia Krawiec, MII
Allyson Halbach, MIV

Graduate Students:
TBA

VI. Committee related to the Office of the Dean through the Office of Access and Engagement:

A. Access and Engagement Committee: plans and implements means of increasing the number of students from groups underrepresented in the medical profession who are prepared for, recruited to, matriculate at, and graduate from the FSOM and who are committed to considering their residency training at Prisma Health; plans, implements, and supports efforts to increase the number of basic science and clinical faculty members from underrepresented backgrounds.
CHAIR: Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Recruitment
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty members, alumni, and HBCU, community; 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: As Needed
MEMBERS:
2 clinical faculty members appointed by the Dean via the Faculty Representation Committee process.
Juliet Glover, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2025-2028
Antionette Williams Rutherford, Internal Medicine, 2025-2028

2 basic science faculty members appointed by the Dean via the Faculty Representative Committee process.
Janel Hagar Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
Ben Hawfield, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2025-2028

1 staff member appointed by the Dean after consultation with the FSOM Staff Senate Representative/
Keshia Daubenspeck, Admissions, 2025-2028

1 representative of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) appointed by the Dean.
Walden Ai, Benedict College, 2024-2027

1 FSOM alumni who is from an underrepresented medicine background appointed by the Dean after consultation with Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Recruitment.
Tisha Boston, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028

Medical Student:
Karina Mitchell, MII

Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Recruitment and Registrar: Robert Rhinehart (chair)

VII. Committee Related to the Office of the Dean through the Medical Library:

A. **Library Committee**: advises Director of Library Services on policy matters, especially relating to the collection and staffing of the Medical Library.

CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for graduate and medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Twice per year and as needed
MEMBERS:
7 elected faculty members:

Cory Jones, Pediatrics, 2025-2028
VACANT
Anna Hoppmann, Pediatrics, 2024-2027
Rita Brown, Physician Assistant Program, 2024-2027
Marjorie Cloninger, Pediatrics, 2026-2029
Taryn Richardson Booth, Counseling and Rehab, 2026-2029
Christine Wheeler, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2026-2029 (Chair)

Medical Students:

Andres Castillo, MII
Alexis Gipson, MIV

Graduate Students:

TBA

Director of Medical Library: Roz McConnaughy

Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer: Lindsie Cone (ex officio)

VIII. Committee Related to the Office of the Dean Through the Office of Information Technology:

A. Information Technology Committee: advises the Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer on policy matters, especially relating to the computer needs of students and faculty as they relate to educational programs and research activities and to the structure and function of the FSOM computer network and communication systems.
CHAIR: Elected by members
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms for faculty members and 1-year terms for medical students; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Twice per year and as needed

MEMBERS:
5 elected faculty members:

Austin Worden, Instrumentation Resource Facility/Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027, (Chair)
Eric Williams, Student Affairs, 2024-2027
Colin Evans, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2024-2027
Alejandro Espaillat, Ophthalmology, 2026-2029
Josnel Faiivae, Counseling and Rehab, 2026-2029

Medical Students:

Samuel Adkins, MII
Jonathan Kennedy, MIV

Graduate Students:

TBA

Assistant Dean for Pre-Clerkship Curriculum: Diego Alvarez

Assistant Dean for Clinical Curriculum and Assessment: Brian Keisler

Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer: Lindsie Cone

Manager of Computer Resources: Stan Laraque

Director of Medical Library: Roz McConnaughy (ex officio)

Director of Communications and Marketing: Emily Miles (ex officio)

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: Leo Bonilha (ex officio)

IX. Committee Related to the Office of the Dean Through the Office of Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs:

A. Faculty Affairs Committee: advises the Dean and reports to the Executive Committee on issues concerning the faculty to include professional development and mentorship, recruitment and retention, faculty well-being and vitality, FSOM/USC policy impact on faculty, and recognition and/or rewards for faculty teaching/research/clinical excellence. (The committee does not address issues of Tenure/Promotion.)
CHAIR: Elected by members, effective 2025-2026 academic year
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year staggered terms for faculty members; other members are ex officio
MEETING FREQUENCY: Quarterly

MEMBERS: Elected and appointed faculty members are not in dean or department (vice) chair positions.

4 elected faculty members (2 Basic Science and 2 Clinical)
VACANT, 2025-2028
Angie Brown, Pediatrics, 2024-2026
Patricia Witherspoon, Family & Preventive Medicine, 2024-2027
Paul Toriello, Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, 2024-2027

3 faculty members appointed by the Dean after consultation with the Faculty Representation Committee: The appointment of faculty members by the Dean must ensure that there is an appropriate balance of faculty from the basic science and clinical departments.
Anthony Miles Scott, Family and Preventive Medicine, 2025-2028
Kandy Velazquez, PMI, 2024-2026
VACANT

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs: J.T. Thornhill (ex officio)

Associate Dean for Continuous Professional Development and Strategic Affairs: Matt Orr (ex officio)

Director of Faculty Development: Morgan Rhodes (ex officio)

Staffed by the Office of Continuous Professional Development and Strategic Affairs and/or its designee: Nancy Williams

X. Members of the Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Representatives: The Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina, having been created by direction of the University Faculty to act by and for that body, is endowed with all the powers and authority of the University Faculty except those powers specifically reserved by that body itself, provided that the University Faculty may amend or repeal any general policy decision adopted by the Faculty Senate.
CHAIR: None
TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly
MEMBERSHIP: The Faculty Senate is composed of the voting members of the University Faculty chosen by each college or school or other academic unit for membership in the Senate. Up to five FSOM tenure-track faculty members and three clinical (professional-track) faculty members are elected by their respective FSOM faculty (tenure-track or professional-track) to serve three-year terms in the USC Faculty Senate.
MEMBERS:
Cameron McCarthy, Ph.D., Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2025-2028 (Tenure-Track)
Ioulia Chatzistamou, M.D. Ph.D., Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2025-2028 (Professional-Track)
Ana Pocivavsek, Ph.D., Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience 2026-2029 (Tenure-Track)
Wenbin Tan, Ph.D., Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2026-2029 (Tenure-Track)
Julie Hughes M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, 2026-2029 (Tenure-Track)
Michael Cryer, M.D., Internal Medicine, 2024-2027 (Clinical Professional-Track)
Mark Humphrey, M.D. Family and Preventative Medicine, 2024-2027 (Clinical Professional-Track)

XI. Members of the Graduate Council

Graduate Council Representatives: The Graduate Council is the governing body acting on behalf of the Graduate Faculty of the University. The Graduate Council's authority is derived from its definition and charge in the Faculty Manual to make advisory recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate School Faculty on graduate programs and curriculum, formulation and implementation of Graduate School Faculty policies and the establishment of standards of graduate work.

TERM OF OFFICE: three-year, staggered terms
MEETING FREQUENCY: Monthly or As Needed

MEMBERSHIP: The Graduate Council is composed of graduate faculty (tenure-track or professional-track). One FSOM graduate faculty member is chosen for each Graduate Council committee; faculty members are elected to serve three-year terms. The Graduate Council meets monthly; all other graduate committees meet as needed.

Graduate Council – David Mott, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
Graduate Curriculum Committee – Brandon Busbee, Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, 2025-2028
Graduate Fellowships & Scholarship Committee – Colin Evans, Cell Biology and Anatomy, 2025-2028
Academic Policy & Practices Committee – Janel Hagar, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, 2025-2028
The Graduate School Faculty Grievances, Appeals, and Petitions Committee – Marcia Iszard, Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Program, 2025-2028

APPENDIX 1

FSOM Committee Membership
Recusal Policy
May 2015

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to formally state those instances when committee members should recuse themselves from voting on actions specifically aimed at applicants and current students in the School of Medicine.

Rationale: While participation, particularly of faculty, on FSOM committees is not only encouraged, but necessary for the FSOM to function and conduct business; there are instances, specifically involving actions concerning applicants or current students, where the faculty member is expected to recuse his/herself from voting. This is necessary to protect the applicant/student from unfair bias in the process. While the list of committees and potential conflicts is not meant to be all inclusive it is expected that committee members will exercise good judgement and will recuse themselves from the committee prior to the discussion of the applicant/student. A faculty member's recusal should be noted as part of the official minutes of the committee meeting.

Academic Review Committee
- Close personal relationship with the student
- Current course/clerkship director of student (Note: unable to serve on this committee)
- Relative of student

Admissions Committees
- Current or former close personal relationship with applicant
- Current professor of applicant
- Relative of applicant (Note: unable to serve during the academic year that the relative is applying to medical school)

Honor Committee
- Close personal relationship with the student
- Current course/clerkship director of student
- Relative of student

Leave of Absence Committee
- Close personal relationship with the student
- Current course/clerkship director of student
- Relative of student

Student Promotions Committee
- Close personal relationship with the student
- Current course/clerkship director of student
- Relative of student

Student Services Committee
- Close personal relationship with the student
- Current course/clerkship director of student
- Relative of student

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